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1. During a meeting of the SED plant group (Betriebsgruppe) of the Governmental Chancellery held on 18 September 1953, Reimann (fmu), personal Referent to Dr. Fritz Geyer, State Secretary and Chief of the East German Governmental Chancellery, was forced to undergo self-criticism because he belonged to the circle of intimate friends of the deposed former Minister of Justice Max Fechner. His remarks indicated that he would be examined by the Party Control Commission because of his intimate connections with Fechner.

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2. Anni Stein, a worker in the interpreters' pool and personal translator for Otto Grotewohl, is no longer working for the East German government. At present she is unemployed. It is not known why Mrs. Stein was relieved of her duties

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3. The minutes of the weekly sessions of the East German Council of Ministers are taken down by stenographers from the Press Office of the Minister President. Kurt Blecha, formerly with the Office for Information, is responsible for this activity.

4. In Schierke/Harz there is a recreation home for employees of the East German government and the SED Central Committee. The rest home for the governmental employees is located in the Hotel Heinrich Heine. A further recreation center for members of the Central Committee is located in Wilbeck.

5. As a result of a recent decision of the Politbüro or of the SED Central Committee, members of the SED are allowed to change their jobs only if they have previously received the permission of their responsible SED organization.

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6. Margarete Kowalzik [redacted] works in the Protocol Office of the SED Central Committee. She is responsible for the minutes of the Politbüro sessions and for the technical preparations connected with Central Committee sessions. 25X1

7. Lotte Noffke works in the Sekretariat Ulbricht of the SED Central Committee. Her superior is Lotte Kuehn-Ulbricht. [redacted] 25X1

8. Anni Herpold works in the Sekretariat Ulbricht of the SED Central Committee. Her superior is Walter Ulbricht.

9. Gretel Geffke, née Schmahl, is a worker in the treasurer's office of the Central Committee.

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